

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 127

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate John A's for its many years of service to Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to recognize those exemplary businesses that not only contribute to the economy but are also a part of the cultural fabric of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable establishment is John A's, a well-known and beloved Nashville restaurant that will soon shutter its doors after many years of providing hospitality and homecooked taste to patrons from around the world; and

WHEREAS, John A's takes its name from native Nashvillian John Anthony Hobbs, who joined the Merchant Marines during World War II at the age of fifteen and served honorably for three years; after the war, he worked various jobs, and by the age of thirty, he began Hobbs Construction Company, the first stepping stone to a very successful entrepreneurship in Music City; and

WHEREAS, such was the success of Hobbs Construction Company that Mr. Hobbs's sons, John C., Joe, Ronnie, and Mike, all eventually joined him in various aspects of businesses; although Mr. Hobbs passed away in 2019, his sons still keep the family business running to this day; and

WHEREAS, in the early years of Hobbs Construction, John Hobbs and his partners built and owned four hotels, The Country Music Wax Museum, the Cars of the Stars Museum, the Music Valley Campground, several convenience markets, and many other tourist-oriented businesses and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, one of those restaurants is John A's, affectionately known as John A's Little Palace after the world-famous Nashville Palace, which he helped create; with his namesake

restaurant, he wanted an establishment that would carry on the great tradition of the Nashville Palace all while making guests feel like they are a part of something intimate and special; and

WHEREAS, located at 2421 Music Valley Drive in Nashville, John A's is known especially for its offerings of steak, chops, and fish, and the restaurant features daily specials and live music nightly from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor the legacy of this beloved dining establishment and all those who made it a success as its story comes to a close; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the proprietors and employees of John A's, both past and present, for their many years of service to the Nashville community, extending our best wishes for much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.